

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
July 2, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Linda Kahle, Becky Hickman, Becky Beckman, Selena Vonderheide and Mickey Seger. **Commission Members Absent:** Sherry Monesmith and Kara Bodle. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, and Corina Mack. **City Attorney:** Renée Kabrick **Guests in attendance:** Mayor Terry Seitz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gary Moeller moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

City Financial Statement

Linda Kahle moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

At 4:33, Mickey Seger arrived at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- The budget was distributed to the board. There are only a couple of changes this year. The first change is a request for a new Apple computer for Doreen. Her computer is 8 years old and is not Intel. The second change is a request for the Visual Arts Coordinator position to become full time. Erin is the 4th Visual Arts Coordinator in the last 7 years. Visual Arts programming, as well as overall programming, has expanded during this time frame. Discussion on the budget followed. **Selena Vonderheide** moved to accept the budget as presented. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 9-0. The budget will be presented to the City Council later in the month.
- Staci Dunn has resigned as Technical Assistant. Kit requested permission to hire another Technical Assistant to replace her. **Mike Jones** moved to allow Kit to hire a Technical Assistant. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Kit requested to attend the APAP conference in January 2014. The deadline for early registration and a discount is July. **Gary Moeller** moved to allow Kit to attend the APAP conference. **Becky Beckman** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Season Guides are complete. Kit distributed Season Guides and posters to the board. Season Guides have been mailed and distributed around the county. Deadline for season ticket holders is August 2 and new series tickets deadline is August 22. Individual tickets will be filled after series tickets.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- Some recent rentals that have just completed are the Country Showdown and Dance Central recitals. Dance Central has committed to next year and will be adding a recital. Jasper Dance Theatre is planning to start dance classes again in August. ACT is rehearsing at this time for their summer production of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Performances will be the last 2 weekends in July.
- We have a roof leak near the front office. It is between the gallery and the front office along the flashing.

Education Report

No report.

Visual Arts Report

Erin reported.

- July ARTventures will start next week. 6 of the 9 classes will be going.
- The juror for the Juried Art show will be here next week. She is from Indiana State University.
- Erin and Corina attended the Downtown Merchants meeting. The Downtown Merchants are not interested in continuing their participation in FIRST THURSDAYS. They stated Thursdays are not a good night for them. Jasper Arts will continue FIRST THURSDAY receptions in the Krempf Gallery.
- The Dubois County Art Guild exhibit has been hung. The reception will be Thursday, July 11.
- The artist scheduled for October is no longer able to come. The JAC plans to host a show for the community to exhibit photographs and poetry. There will be very few restrictions, one of which is that the art does need to be ready to hang. The JAC has invited Scott Saalman to do a *Will Read for Food* event. There will be no fee for the program, just free-will food donations at the door for a charity. This will be the Saturday after the opening reception. Mike Jones moved to allow Scott to come in and do the event. Pat Thyen seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported.

- Currently there is a lull in the birthday parties due to the number of rentals and lack of availability of the Arts Center. We have people calling and showing interest in birthday parties next month.
- The Special Events Committee is working on the Strassenfest Parade float. It will have a Blues Club theme featuring the Blues Brothers.
- The Special Events Committee's next project may be a community mural project. It is still in the research stage at this time.
- The Girl Scouts have contacted us to be the place where the girl scouts come to work on and receive their art badges. This could be an opportunity to get a lot of people into the Arts Center. More detailed information will be available at the next meeting.

Old Business

No new information on the new building.

New Business

- Dubois County Bombers tickets are available for City employees and board members for the July 12th game.
- An updated board member information sheet was distributed.

Adjournment

Becky Beckman moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:05. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Mike Jones

Attested